

***Amendments to the Specification***

Please add the following caption and paragraph to the specification at page 1, immediately after the title of the invention:

***Cross-Reference to Related Applications***

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/792,299, filed January 31, 1997, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/013,149, filed March 12, 1996.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 26 with the following paragraph:

**~~Figure 4~~ Figures 4A and 4B shows ~~show~~** the effect of growth factor addition on both total cell expansion and CD34<sup>+</sup> cell expansion under serum-free and serum-supplemented culture conditions.